

News Sheet for Sunday 23rd November –Christ The King

LINK FOR THE LIVESTREAM SERVICE - <https://cofewrecclesham.org.uk/streamed-services/>

Please click on the link from ten minutes beforehand and there will be the livestream link to take you to the service

Thank you to everyone involved in leading our worship today - also to Sue for offering hospitality, and to Jill for flowers this week – very much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 23rd November

8am - Holy Communion – led by Rev Richard Bodle

10am – Parish Communion – led by Rev Sandy Cavalier, followed by refreshments

Lectionary: Jeremiah 23.1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

The Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Stephanie & Norman Robinson, Jenny Emberson, Tim Sturt, Christine Paine, Gerald Martin, Andrew Jones and for all who are poorly, and give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness...

RIP, please pray for

The family of Jenny Green who passed away 22nd October. Funeral @St Peter's, 11.30 24th November

We remember all those dear to us whose years' mind falls around this time

(please let Chris know if you would like someone remembered by name ...)

Please also pray for the life and work of our Church, that we might be part of God's revival, and loving and transforming grace here in our place...

Upcoming December Diary Dates!

**2nd - Advent Group 2pm; 6th - Wassail 7pm; 16th - Community Choir Concert
21st Carol Service 6pm; 24th Crib Service 4pm; 25th Christmas Communion 10am**

**** ERROR **** The eagle eyed among you may have spotted mention of the Christmas Tree Festival in the Magazine - apologies – we aren't having one this year

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

It's that time again! We would be grateful for donations of luxury food items.

Colin will be selling tickets from 6th December (Wassail) onwards

**** Messy Church 4-6pm this afternoon ****

AFTERNOON ADVENT GROUP – Thank you to Steven, who led 11 of us in a very sociable and quiet seasonal reflection last week. Do join us for one, or both, of the remaining sessions, 2nd & 9th December 2- 4pm at 24 Buttermere Close

CAN YOU HELP VANDA? Wreath Making is the biggest fundraising event of our year, raising over £3,000 & brings 120 people into our church over 4 days – she needs a little help on each day please. We will also need a **HUGE AMOUNT OF FOLIAGE** to be collected and brought to church from Monday 1st December. We can cut it and collect if you are unable to! Evergreen foliage is good & variegated is especially lovely. Also help with setting up and serving refreshments. Please email vanda on vanda@cofewrecclesham.org.uk if you are able to help in any way.

PRAYING TOGETHER: 'A future and a hope' – a short time of prayer for our church and community
Future dates are November 30th and December 14th. Please speak to Carol or Kathryn for more information.

CELTIC MORNING PRAYER ON WEDNESDAYS VIA ZOOM IS now at 8.30am

This is thirty minutes of short readings, reflection and prayer of a contemplative nature. There are booklets available if you would like to sample before taking part. If you are interested in joining then please contact Kathryn on kathrynbeehive@gmail.com

THE YOUTH CAFE meets on Wednesdays at the Leverton Hall 3:15pm-4:45pm. The Youth Cafe provides a safe, supportive and welcoming space for young people to socialise, have fun, and get free refreshments.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 30th November

8am - Holy Communion **10am** – Parish Communion, Refreshments in the Hall after

NEWS SHEET – please let **Chris Wilkes** know of any notices you would like included – **by Thursday lunchtime if possible**. Email: parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk – Tel/text: 07902 768597

WRECCLESHAM OVER 60'S – On 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month @ 1.30pm – a lovely group meet at the Leverton Hall – please pick up a leaflet for information....

FARNHAM FOODBANK BASKET IS LOCATED ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE CHURCH BY THE DOOR

Please only donate long-life goods – fresh and perishable goods cannot be accepted – thank you for all that you contribute. Lizzy Hendry kindly takes the food to the Foodbank for us.

Contact: mail: info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk or call 07901 58153 visit website farnham.foodbank.org.uk

DIOCESE NEWS - If you would like news and info from the Diocese, please sign up to their [weekly parish brief](#).

Bible Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 23. 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Second Reading: Colossians 1. 11-20

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel: Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'